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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed July 26, 2002, consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 10 and 32 with amended claims 10 and 32 as follows:

10. A method of improving treatment outcome or reducing risk of treatment, comprising:

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assessing treatment options for a disease or condition by measuring cell activation levels in a subject; and, if elevated, administering activation lowering therapy prior to commencing further treatment for the disease or condition, thereby improving treatment outcome or reducing risk of treatment.